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Public Law 101-617
101st Congress

An Act

To provide a method of locating private and Government research on environmental issues by geographic location.

Nov. 16, 1990
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Environmental Research Geographic Location Information Act
42 USC 4366a note

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Environmental Research Geographic Location Information Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) at present, there is no reliable method of locating private or Government research on environmental issues by geographic location; and

(2) a means of identifying environmental research conducted at specific geographic locations is needed for purposes such as detecting trends in environmental quality, assisting the public in learning about the quality and issues of their local environment, and providing a data base for identifying areas of critical environmental concern.

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SEC. 3. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to develop a data base of environmental research articles indexed by geographic location.

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SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

(a) RESEARCH JOURNALS.—Within 6 months following the date of the enactment of this Act, and from time to time thereafter, the Environmental Protection Agency shall identify not less than 35 important environmental research journals, conference proceedings or other reference sources in which scientific research or engineering studies related to air, water, or soil quality or pollution or other environmental issues are routinely published. In carrying out the requirements of this subsection, at least 50 journals or proceedings shall be reviewed.

(b) INDEX.—(1) Within 12 months following the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Environmental Protection Agency shall review the journals and other materials identified in subsection (a) and compile, maintain and publish an index of the articles contained therein during the preceding calendar year by geographic location. A copy of such index shall be made available to the Service for distribution to the public, and a copy shall be submitted to the Congress not less than 30 days prior to the date on which it is made available to the Service.

(2) Beginning 12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Agency shall identify not less than 20 materials identified in subsection (a) which were published during the time period from 1970 to the year preceding enactment, and shall compile and publish

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a series of indices of articles contained therein by geographic location. The time frame which each index contains should not exceed 5 years.

(c) PURCHASE OF INFORMATION.—The Environmental Protection Agency is authorized to enter into contracts or other arrangements for the acquisition of data and other information necessary for purposes of this Act.

(d) REVISING LIST.—The Environmental Protection Agency shall review the list of references developed under this section at least biennially and shall revise the list of sources as appropriate.

(e) SPECIFIC LOCATION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS.—Unless exempted by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, all reports resulting from research projects sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency and initiated after the expiration of the 36-month period following the date of enactment of this Act shall indicate the specific location to which the research pertains.

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SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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SEC. 6. EXPIRATION OF ACT.

This Act shall expire 10 years after the date of its enactment.

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